U. S. Probes Nazi Chemical Trust

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NEW YORK, April 11 — Striking suddenly upon three fronts, the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday served subpenas upon three chemical companies to produce records next Thursday. The books will be scanned to determine the extent of German control of chemicals in Americas.

The companies summoned are: Winthrop Chemical Co., Sterling Products, Inc., and the General Aniline and Film Corporation. The action followed the previous day summoning of books of the Swiss Bank Corporation and the Schering Corporation, a Bloomfield (N. J.) chemical company.

Justice agents are anxious to learn to what extent German chemical trust controls world markets; how far Nazis dominate the chemical industries here and, third, to what extent dollar credits are being built up in United States for Germans.

Preliminary investigation, it was disclosed, had shown that many German rights have been assigned to American concerns for large sums, plus profit-sharing.